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Title: Method and Apparatus for Joint Equalization and Decoding of Multilevel Codes

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TRANSMITTAL LETTER

Mail Stop Amendment  
Commissioner for Patents  
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Sir:

Submitted herewith is a Response to Office Action relating to the above-identified patent application. There is no additional claim fee due in conjunction with the Amendment.

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15 AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

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Sir:

In response to the outstanding Office Action, dated February 10, 2006, please  
25 amend the above-identified patent application as follows.